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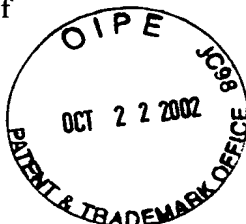
In re PATENT APPLICATION of

TOKURA et al.

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Title: Ramp for magnetic read/write apparatus and magnetic read/write apparatus using the same

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STATUS REQUEST

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be apprised in writing of the current status of the above-identified Application, since no further communication from the Patent Office has been received since the receipt of the postcard stamped filing receipt on January 2, 2002 indicating the application number. We have been awaiting receipt of the Notice to file Missing Parts in order to file the Declaration and Assignment documents. Your immediate attention is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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